

TITLE:SLEEVE DEVICE

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

05 The present invention relates to a sleeve device.  
More particularly, the present invention relates to a  
sleeve device which is often engaged with a spanner.

A conventional sleeve device cannot be engaged with  
a normal spanner stably. A box end of a special spanner  
should be modified in order to receive the conventional  
sleeve device stably.

10 SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

An object of the present invention is to provide  
a sleeve device which is easily engaged with a normal  
spanner stably.

15 Accordingly, a sleeve device comprises a main body  
and a retainer device. The main body has a first end  
portion having a hollow interior and a through hole  
communicating with the hollow interior, and a second end  
portion. A diameter of the first end portion is slightly  
smaller than a diameter of the retainer device. The  
20 retainer device is inserted in the first end portion of  
the main body. The retainer device has an elastic element  
having an outer protruded portion inserted through the  
through hole of the main body.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

25 FIG. 1 is a perspective exploded view of a sleeve

device of a first preferred embodiment in accordance with the present invention;

FIG. 2 is a perspective assembly view of a sleeve device of a first preferred embodiment in accordance with the present invention;

FIG. 3 is a sectional assembly view of a sleeve device of a first preferred embodiment in accordance with the present invention;

FIG. 4 is a sectional view taken along line 5-5 in FIG. 3;

FIG. 5 is a schematic view illustrating a ratchet box end of a spanner engaging with a sleeve device of a first preferred embodiment in accordance with the present invention;

FIG. 6 is a schematic view illustrating an open end of a spanner engaging with a sleeve device of a first preferred embodiment in accordance with the present invention;

FIG. 7 is a schematic view illustrating an application of a sleeve device of a first preferred embodiment in accordance with the present invention;

FIG. 8 is a perspective exploded view of a sleeve device of a second preferred embodiment in accordance with the present invention;

FIG. 9 is a sectional assembly view of a sleeve

device of a second preferred embodiment in accordance with the present invention;

FIG. 10 is a perspective exploded view of a sleeve device of a third preferred embodiment in accordance with the present invention;

FIG. 11 is a sectional assembly view of a sleeve device of a third preferred embodiment in accordance with the present invention; and

FIG. 12 is a sectional view taken along line 6-6 in FIG. 11.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Referring to FIGS. 1 to 4, a first sleeve device comprises a main body 10 and a retainer device 20.

The main body 10 has a first end portion 11 having a hollow interior 101 and a through hole 13 communicating with the hollow interior 101, and a second end portion 12.

A diameter of the first end portion 11 is smaller than a diameter of the second end portion 12.

A diameter of the first end portion 11 is slightly smaller than a diameter of the retainer device 20.

The retainer device 20 is inserted in the first end portion 11 of the main body 10.

The retainer device 20 has a C-shaped elastic element 21 having a through aperture 22 to match the through hole 13 of the main body 10.

A steel ball 23 is inserted through the through aperture 22 of the retainer device 20 and the through hole 13 of the main body 10.

FIG. 5 is a schematic view illustrating a ratchet box end 30 of a spanner 3 engaging with the sleeve device. When the box end 30 of the spanner 3 engages with the first sleeve device, the steel ball 23 will block an inner surface of the box end 30 of the spanner 3. The elastic element 21 will push the steel ball 23 to move toward the inner surface of the box end 30 of the spanner 3.

FIG. 6 is a schematic view illustrating an open end 40 of the spanner 3 engaging with the sleeve device. The steel ball 23 will block an inner surface of the open end 40 of the spanner 3.

FIG. 7 is a schematic view illustrating the sleeve device engaging with a hexagonal nut.

Referring to FIGS. 8 and 9, a second sleeve device comprises a main body 10a and a retainer device 20a.

The main body 10a has a first end portion 11a having a hollow interior 101a and a through hole 13a communicating with the hollow interior 101a, and a second end portion 12a.

A diameter of the first end portion 11a is smaller than a diameter of the second end portion 12a.

A diameter of the first end portion 11a is slightly smaller than a diameter of the retainer device 20a.

The retainer device 20a is inserted in the first end portion 11a of the main body 10a.

05       The retainer device 20a has an elastic element 21a having an outer protruded portion 24a inserted through the through hole 13a of the main body 10a and a slit 25a.

Referring to FIGS. 10 to 12, a third sleeve device comprises a main body 10b and a retainer device 20b.

10       The main body 10b has a first end portion 11b having a hollow interior 101b and a through hole 13b communicating with the hollow interior 101b, and a second end portion 12b.

15       A diameter of the first end portion 11b is smaller than a diameter of the second end portion 12b .

A diameter of the first end portion 11b is slightly smaller than a diameter of the retainer device 20b.

The retainer device 20b is inserted in the first end portion 11a of the main body 10b.

20       The retainer device 20b has a ring-shaped elastic element 21b having a twisted protruded portion 26b inserted through the through hole 13b of the main body 10b.

25       The sleeve device of the present invention is easily engaged with a box end or an open end of a normal spanner

stably.

The pr s nt invention is not limited to the above  
embodiments but various modification thereof may be  
made. Furthermore, various changes in form and detail  
05 may be made without departing from the scope of the  
present invention.